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WPD Launches Operation “Cat Guard”

The Wichita Police Department (WPD) is launching Operation “Cat Guard” to proactively address the continually rising numbers of catalytic converter thefts in Wichita.

During this effort, WPD is partnering with area automobile dealerships and auto repair shops to install 2,000 unique serial numbers on catalytic converters. Owners can then register the serial numbers into a national database.

The operation will be taking place on Saturday, Aug. 21 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the following locations.

- Mel Hambelton Ford - 11771 W Kellogg Dr;
- Midwest Kia - 8725 W Kellogg Dr;
- Orr Nissan - 10625 East Kellogg Dr;
- Davis-Moore Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram Fiat - 7675 E Kellogg Dr;
- Eddy's Toyota - 7333 E Kellogg Dr;
- Mike Steven Volkswagen – 11211 E. Kellogg Dr. N.;
- Super Car Guys - 2337 S Broadway St;
- Bill's American Muffler Shop 3303 S Seneca;
- Midas 2820 S Seneca; and
- Don Hattan Chevrolet - 6000 Hattan Dr. Park City.

“This year over 760 catalytic converter thefts have been reported which is over 200 more than reported in all of 2020,” Chief Gordon Ramsay said. “We are working on innovative ways to reduce this crime that has been having a significant impact on businesses and residents. WPD is grateful for area dealerships and auto repair shops partnering with us to

help us to reduce these thefts. The scrap metal industry must start to be part of the solution instead of fighting legislation that will help us stop this expensive crime.”

All media are invited to a press conference at **2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 13 at Mel Hambelton Ford, 11771 W. Kellogg Dr.** At the press conference, WPD will discuss the project details and provide a demonstration on the application of the kits.

